

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1 and 4-15. In the present Response, replacement drawings showing corrections to Figures 4 and 9 are submitted. The specification is also amended and submitted. No new matter is introduced.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated the "first roll axis" and the "second roll axis" set forth in claim 1 must be shown in the drawings. Examiner suggests adding an axis or centerline to the appropriate figures for each of the first and second roll axis.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful suggestion. Applicant has submitted replacement drawings herewith to replace current drawings. Figure 4, showing a bottom view of the front idler wheel assembly, has been amended to add the first roll axis 80. Figure 9, showing a bottom view of the rear idler wheel assembly, has been amended to add the second roll axis 82. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicant's detailed description generally at page 7, lines 13-16, page 9, line 7-19, and page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection be withdrawn.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated there is no express description of the rear spindle assembly being pivotable about a roll axis, and therefore the second roll axis of claim 1 lacks adequate description in the specification.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful suggestion. Applicant has amended the specification herein. On page 7, line 14, the introduced roll axis is changed to "first roll axis" and reference number 80 is used for identification. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicant's detailed description where structure is disclosed allowing the front idler wheel to pivot about a generally horizontal, longitudinal axis so as the tread 15 encounters irregularities, the front idler wheel 14 and track 12 can pivot to better match these contours (see page 7, lines

13-16 and page 9, lines 7-15). On page 10, line 14, Applicant has amended the description of the rear idler assembly spindles to clarify that the spindles pivot around a “second roll axis” and reference number 82 is used for identification. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicant’s detailed description where structure is disclosed allowing the rear idler wheels 16 to tilt along with the track 12 when the tread 15 passes over uneven ground (see page 9, lines 16-19 and page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 8).

Additionally, the Examiner has objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms “first pivot assembly”, “second pivot assembly”, and “third pivot assembly”.

Applicant has amended the specification herein. The terms “first pivot assembly”, “second pivot assembly”, and “third pivot assembly” merely define combinations of elements present in the originally filed application. Accordingly, on page 7, line 22, Applicant adds the term “first pivot assembly” to introduce corresponding structure. On page 9, line 7, Applicant adds the term “second pivot assembly” to introduce corresponding structure. On page 9, line 25, Applicant adds the term “third pivot assembly” to introduce corresponding structure.

In addition, it is noted that the additional amendments to the specification set forth herein are to correct minor typographical errors.

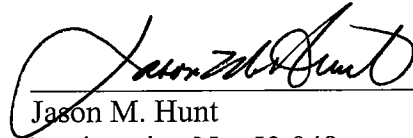
In light of the amendments to the specification, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner’s objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further point of objection, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned via telephone so that a prompt and mutual agreement can be reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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